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SUBJ: SAVIMBI PRESS CONFERENCE, DECEMBER 18

1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF SALIENT POINTS MADE BY UNITA'S JONAS SAVIMBI AT PRESS CONFERENCE IN KINSHASA DECEMBER 18:

2. US POSITION ON ANGOLA

UNITA IS CONCERNED AT MOVES IN CONGRESS TO BLOCK AID TO ANTI-MPLA FORCES IN ANGOLA. BUT UNITA DOES NOT NEED OR WANT US TROOPS OR ADVISERS, ONLY ARMS TO COUNTER THREAT OF SOVIET ARMS. AT PRESENT ONLY ONE HALF OF UNITA TROOPS ARE ARMED. DEPLORE LACK OF FIRM US POSITION IN ANGOLA. RECOGNIZES TRAUMATIC EFFECT OF VIETNAM DEFEAT, BUT CONTRASTS AMERICAN ATTITUDE WITH FIRM SOVIET POSITION IN ANGOLA.

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3. CUBAN/SOVIET PERSONNEL

CUBANS IN ANGOLA RECRUITED BY USSR, SENT IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES TO LUANDA, ARMED THERE WITH SOVIET WEAPONS. THERE ARE 400 SOVIET TECHNICIANS IN ANGOLA, ALL WELL BEHIND THE LINES.

#### 4. SOUTH AFRICANS

THERE ARE NO SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS HELPING UNITA. SOUTH AFRICANS ARE FIGHTING SWAPO AND SOME UNITA TROOPS HAVE BEEN KILLED DURING ATTACKS ON SWAPO. THE SOUTH AFRICANS ARE OPERATING AROUND SERPA PINTO AND SILVA PORTO. GIVEN INSTABILITY OF SITUATION, UNITA IS UNABLE TO DRIVE THE SOUTH AFRICANS OUT OF COUNTRY. THERE ARE LARGE NUMBERS OF SOUTH AFRICAN HELICOPTERS AND FORCES OPERATING IN ANGOLA. REMARKED THAT NO ONE SEEMS CONCERNED AT SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS STILL IN MOZAMBIQUE AROUND CABORA BASSA DAM. SOUTH AFRICANS WERE IN ANGOLA BEFORE APRIL 1974. (THIS CONFLICTS WITH PORTUGUESE STATEMENT TO AMERICAN REPORTER TO EFFECT SOUTH AFRICANS MOVED IN UNILATERALLY IN APRIL 1975).

#### 4. OAU

FORTHCOMING MEETING WILL BE OAU'S LAST CHANCE. UNITA HAS EXTENDED ITS HAND TO MPLA WHICH, SO FAR, HAS NOT RESPONDED. A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES HAVE RECOGNIZED MPLA. FNLA/UNITA HAVE NOT SOUGHT RECOGNITION BUT WILL DO SO IF OAU RECONCILIATION EFFORT FAILS. MANY AFRICAN STATES STAND READY TO RECOGNIZE DRA. ANY NEGOTIATION WITH MPLA WILL HAVE TO BE BASED ON THREE EARLIER ACCORDS, LAST OF WHICH AT ALVOR. THERE WILL HAVE TO BE SOME MODIFICATION ON POINT OF ARMIES AND ARMAMENTS, HOWEVER. SOME MEANS OF ASSURING COMPLIANCE WITH AGREEMENT WILL ALSO HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT. UNITA WAS NAIVE IN PAST, BUT IS NOW MORE PRUDENT.

#### 5. FIGHTING

FIGHTING NOW IN PROGRESS BETWEEN MALANJE AND HENRIQUE DE CARVALHO. FIGHTING ALSO EAST OF LUSO. MPLA NOW CONTROLS AREA BETWEEN LUCANO AND TEIXEIRA DE SOUSA.

6. UNITA ASKED SWAPO NOT TO LAUNCH CAMPAIGN AGAINST SOUTH AFRICANS, BUT THIS REQUEST WAS IGNORED.

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#### 7. FNLA/UNITA UNITY

FNLA/UNITA UNITY NOT SOMETHING WHICH CAN BE ACHIEVED "FROM ONE DAY TO THE NEXT".

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